

Barnesville Doan Ford Wrestling Invitational

Barnesville High School

Barnesville, Ohio 43713

Dear Coach,

As COVID-19 cases rise and concerns grow, it has been recommended that we transition our tournament to a one day event. After looking at the guidelines we have determined that moving to a one day event would be in the best interest of everyone. Therefore, our event will now be held on December 12, 2020.

Established in 1969 as one of the first Invitational Tournaments in the Tri-State area, the 51st annual Doan Ford-Barnesville Wrestling Invitational welcomes you to the prestigious tournament to be held on December 12, 2020.

Due to the distance many teams will be traveling, there will be no coaches seeding meeting. We will communicate through an email list and other electronic means. The seeding for the tournament will be completed by a committee based on seeding criteria via **Baumspage**. You must declare by Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00pm which weight class each contestant will be competing. Submit your entries on **Baumspage**. Wrestlers who do not make weight on Saturday will be scratched and a bye will be inserted on the next bye line with adjustments made to balance the bracket. *You will be permitted to replace a wrestler due to injury or illness up to 7:00pm Thursday, December 10th by calling (740) 359-7456.*

The tournament will be held in the Barnesville High School Gymnasium. Currently 17 teams are entered in the tournament. The wrestling parents will be serving concessions. Several fast food restaurants are within walking distance. Coolers and electric appliances are not permitted in the gymnasium or cafeteria. Please pass this on to your wrestling parents.

Please be sure to complete the following items:

- Check with your Athletic Director to ensure you have completed a tournament contract.
- Mail entry fee of \$185. Make checks payable to: Barnesville High School Athletic Department by December 1st.

Mail Payments to:

Brad Hannahs A.D.
Barnesville High School
910 Shamrock Drive
Barnesville, OH 43713

- Complete entry form and seeding criteria for all wrestlers on **Baumspage**.
Teams: Barnesville, Claymont, Troy Christian, Indian Creek, Indian Valley, Louisville, Martins Ferry, Massillon Perry, Moeller, Monroeville, Sandy Valley, River Valley, St. Clairsville, Union Local, Utica, and Tri-Valley

Weigh-ins will begin at 8:30 am. Weigh-ins will be by team.

Tournament Guidelines

Due to Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, the structure of this year's wrestling tournament will be altered. First and foremost, the safety of everyone is our top priority. We will be making the following changes to the tournament this year.

What to expect during the tournament:

- The tournament will transition from a two day to a one day tournament.
 - It has been recommended by school boards and OHSAA that two day events be transitioned to one day to help alleviate overnight stays for visiting teams
- Each weight class will be assigned to one mat for the entire tournament
 - The mats will be mopped after each round has finished wrestling
- Each wrestler will be allowed to purchase two tickets for the tournament to give to family members
 - The tickets will be labeled with the appropriate weight class and the family members will only be permitted in the gym while those weights are wrestling
 - The area in front of each mat will be marked off for spectators.
 - All spectators must be seated and wear mask
 - After each weight class is finished, the spectators must exit the gym and the bleachers will be sanitized after each round.
- Each team will be given 20 passes for the event for wrestlers, coaches, or stats
 - This includes the 14 starters
- The auditorium will be available for all spectators during the event.
 - Areas will be marked off for each team.
- This event will be live streamed
 - The live stream will be broadcast in cafeteria and in the auditorium
- Each team will have their own table in the cafeteria.
- To maintain the integrity of the tournament, it will remain a bracket tournament
 - We will be using a modified 16 man bracket to ensure that no wrestler goes over the 5 match total.

Special Covid-19 Rules: The purpose of these rules is to maintain the safety and well-being of all wrestlers, coaches, and spectators. While this has always been a family sport- we are asking that you leave grandparents, those with medical conditions and compromised immune systems, and any other potentially vulnerable persons home for their safety.

ALL WHO ATTEND (WRESTLERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS) MUST WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES. Please understand that strict enforcement of the rules is the only way we can have a sport at this time. Please keep in mind that this event is NOT the appropriate venue for a political statement against mandated mask wearing. One non-compliant event could literally derail the entire season.

Wrestlers will be on the same mat for the entire duration of the tournament. All spectators and wrestlers not warming up or wrestling must remain in the bleachers during the entire session. The purpose of these rules is to prevent crowding and congregating on the mats. If your wrestler has not been called to the mat, you will have to return to the stands. There is to be no congregating or socializing between parents or wrestlers when not competing. Again- please understand this is the State of Ohio's rule due to the pandemic.

Please understand that we are dedicated to providing a safe atmosphere, but we will need your help as well. If you have any suggestions or questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact Information: Clint Abbott- cell- (740) 359-7456
Email: clinton.abbott@bevsn.org

Individual Awards: Top 6 finishers in all weight classes will receive awards.

Team Awards: Top two teams will receive team trophies

Concessions: Snacks, drinks, and a limited amount of food that is not prepared on site will be served all day, including during breakfast.

Admission

Each wrestler will be listed on a spreadsheet at the gym entrance with two available tickets. As parents or other people buying tickets for each respective wrestler, they will need to give the wrestler's name, weight class, and team to the ticket taker. Once a ticket has been purchased, they will be given a lanyard for the weight class they can attend. The lanyard must be worn and be visible while in the gym. Do not lose the lanyard, as these will be used to enter the gym.

Event Location: Barnesville High School; 910 Shamrock Drive, Barnesville, Ohio 43717